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Dear Ed:

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Thanks for the cultures and the lists. Y-38 checked out to be prototrophic; Y-43 to be methionineless; ~~repeated~~ single colony isolations from both gave no arginineless, so we have to presume this is lost by reversion. I was interested in Y-43, of course, to try to recheck its fertility with K-12 testers, but it seems unworthwhile to pursue the matter now.

I don't know how this happened, but I have to mention that in our paper in J. Bact. (1947) at p. 675, table 1, the stock list shows some discrepancies with present listing, Y-44 and Y-45 there corresponding to what we now have as Y-43 and Y-44. For future records, I suggest that we follow the published listing, and throw out any culture listed as (Y-45 = T+L-B<sub>1</sub> - from Y-10). Since the arginine requirement is gone, the issue may never come up.

Yours

P.S. AAAS sent me two copies of the sex symposium. They said nothing about it, but I assume that you received a pair also. If not, and one is intended for you, just give me the word.

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